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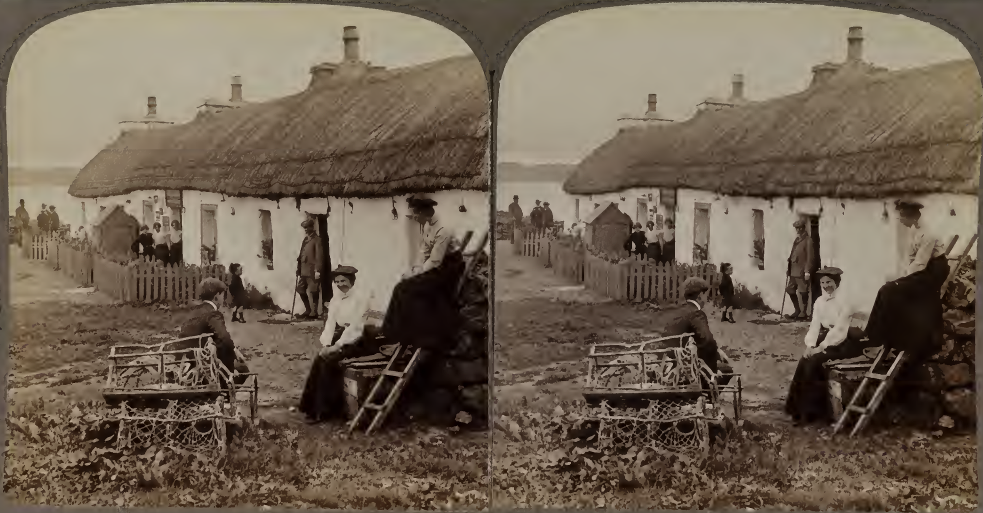

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We are on a small, rocky island off the west coast, three hours' sail from Oban. Glasgow and Londonderry (Ireland) are about equally distant, for we are so far out in the Atlantic as to be almost due north of the Giants' Causeway on the Irish coast.

It was here that the Irish missionary known now as St. Columba landed in the year 563, and began the work of converting the pagan islanders to Christianity. [illegible], but as far back as the eleventh or twelfth century, Christian monks built other churches and ecclesiastical establishments on the ground made sacred by the self-sacrificing devotion of the first missionary, and for hundreds of years thereafter the place was the resort of pious pilgrims from various parts of northern Europe.

These thatched and whitewashed cottages belong to local fishermen, though tourists (spending an hour while the boat waits) are more in evidence than the permanent inhabitants. In good St. Columba's day there were no females here. He even forbade the keeping of cows on the island because "where there is a cow there must be a woman, and where there is a woman there is mischief."

Cottages like these in plan but often far less substantial and comfortable form the homes of the crofters (small farmers) on all the western islands.

There is interesting mention of Iona in Black's story, *Macleod of Dare*, in Geikie's *Scottish Reminiscences*, in Pennell's *Journey to the Hebrides*, and in William Winter's *Brown Heath and Bluebells*.

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Cottages confortables de l'île d'Iona où le christianisme fut d'abord introduit en Écosse.

Einige Häuschen auf der Insel Iona, woselbst das Christentum zu allererst in Schottland eingeführt wurde.

Cómodas casas de campo en la isla de Iona, donde se predicó por vez primera la religión cristiana en Escocia.

Trefliga stugor å ön Iona, hvarifrån kristendomen har först utbredt sig i Skottland.

Избы на островѣ Iona, гдѣ впервые Христіанство было распространено въ Шотландіи.